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## WEST VIRGINIA COMMERCIAL TROUT PRODUCTION

**Charleston, West Virginia** – The total value of fish sold for 2014 was 1.23 million dollars. In 2013, the commercial trout producers in West Virginia had a total value of fish sold of 1.26 million dollars for the 12 month period from January 1, 2013 - December 31, 2013. Trout losses in 2014 totaled 20,000 pounds, up from the 2013 total of 18,000 pounds. The number of trout lost in 2014 totaled 92,000 fish, up from the 2013 total of 66,000 fish.

The number of **trout 12 inches and longer** sold during 2014 totaled 420,000 fish, down from 440,000 fish in 2013. The average price per pound was \$2.25, up 8 cents from 2013. The value of sales for the 2014 marketing year was 1.17 million dollars, down from 1.20 million dollars in 2013. Other size categories are not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

**United States** – The total value of fish sales received by trout growers in the United States totaled 102.5 million dollars for 2014, an increase of 5 percent from 2013. Idaho accounted for 52 percent of the total value of fish sold.

The number of **trout 12 inches and longer** sold during 2014 totaled 48.2 million fish, up 17 percent from the previous year. The average price per pound was \$1.57, down 2 percent from 2013. The value of sales for the 2014 marketing year was 95.1 million dollars, up 4 percent from 2013. For trout 12 inches or longer, 57 percent were sold to processors.

The number of **6"- 12" trout** sold during 2014 totaled 5.15 million fish, an increase of 37 percent from 2013. The average price per pound was \$3.27 during 2014, down 52 cents from the 2013 price. The total value of sales was 5.79 million dollars during 2014, an 11 percent increase from the previous year. The major sales outlets for 6"-12" trout were for recreational stocking accounting for 52 percent of total sales, followed by wholesale to other producers and government agencies with 19 percent.

The number of **1"- 6" trout** sold during 2014 totaled 8.35 million, a 29 percent increase from the previous year. The average value per 1,000 fish was \$194 during 2014, up from \$158 in 2013. The total value of sales was 1.62 million dollars, up 57 percent from last year's total.

**Distributed Trout** - Trout distributed for restoration, conservation, enhancement, or recreational purposes, primarily by State and Federal hatcheries, included 7.15 million 12" or longer fish, 65.4 million 6"- 12" fish, and 58.3 million 1"- 6" fish. The estimated value of fish distributed totaled 110.8 million dollars, up 1 percent from 2013.

**Trout Losses** - Total losses of all trout intended for sale were 27.6 million fish during 2014. Disease accounted for 92 percent of these losses.

**TROUT VALUE OF SALES (excluding eggs), 2013-2014**

State	12" and longer		6"-12" Size		1" - 6" Size		Total Value of Fish Sold	
	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014
Thousand Dollars								
AR**								
CA	*	4,697	*	*	*	*	5,214	4,990
CO	1,654	1,361	339	*	25	*	2,018	1,532
GA	574	*	*	*	*	*	607	455
ID	44,268	52,750	*	*	*	*	44,573	53,118
MI	618	458	*	*	*	*	783	619
MO	1,538	1,686	440	460	84	104	2,062	2,250
NY	*	*	179	170	*	*	557	631
NC	6,179	6,885	*	*	*	*	6,821	7,888
OR	*	*	*	*	*	17	*	*
PA	4,232	4,408	853	1,045	56	118	5,141	5,571
UT	556	531	*	*	*	*	617	604
VA	1,205	1,213	*	*	*	*	1,357	1,481
WA	*	*	749	1,208	*	*	*	*
WV	1,196	1,166	*	*	*	*	1,255	1,233
WI	1,466	1,394	209	138	4	5	1,679	1,537
Other States <sup>1</sup>	27,688	18,530	2,444	2,767	858	1,373	24,730	20,575
<b>US Total</b>	<b>91,174</b>	<b>95,079</b>	<b>5,213</b>	<b>5,788</b>	<b>1,027</b>	<b>1,617</b>	<b>97,414</b>	<b>102,484</b>
<sup>1</sup> Other States include State estimates not listed and States suppressed due to disclosure. * Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. ** Arkansas reported trout only for distribution and no sales.								